

## **'GOOD NEWS' ON FAIRTRADE**

*The focus of the last Fairtrade Good News, back in March, was on how Fairtrade can empower women and breakdown inequalities. With trading arrangements in 73 countries, Fairtrade principles have been introduced into working practices, bringing changes to, or discussions on workers' rights and the impact on the environment, while making best use of local resources.*

*Like the Methodist Church, those involved in progressing Fairtrade also focus on a growth plan.*

*We give thanks for:*

- *the work being done to improve trading opportunities based on Fairtrade principles.*
- *the companies that use Fairtrade ingredients in their products.*
- *those who volunteer their time to promote Fairtrade goods.*

*We take encouragement from the news that everyday lives are changed as a result of the purchase of Fairly traded products in many countries across the World. Further, that through the making of Premium Payments, individuals and communities can improve their housing, education and sanitation. (See videos for examples of what has been achieved through Fairtrade, such as You Tube or Fairtrade Foundation).*

*We pray for:*

- *those affected by the floods in Kerala, which supplies Fairtrade tea, spices and nuts.*
- *those affected by issues in Assam, where tea production is a major activity.*

*Rod Thorpe*